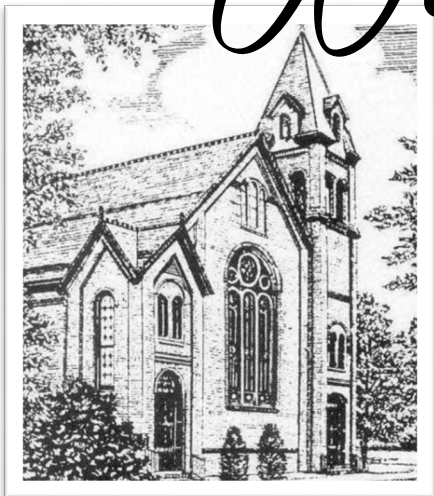


In response to God's love and grace, through Jesus Christ, we commit to learning, proclaiming, and living the love of God.

Welcome



We are glad you have chosen to worship with us today! We are a community of faith committed to Christian discipleship.

Greencastle Presbyterian Church

10:00 am Worship Service

The Order of Worship for August 20, 2023

Centering Thought

To become a Christian means to be united with Jesus Christ. By grace through faith, we cling to Him, leaving our old identity behind to become new in Jesus. We say goodbye to the darkness of sin and live in the light of His kingdom. The Sovereign Lord becomes our God, and His people become our people. We give up our old way of living for ourselves; we take up our cross and follow Him.

SERVING THE CHURCH TODAY

Preaching.....	Rev. Dr. Robert Cook
Liturgist.....	Kathryn Greene
Musicians.....	Dr. J. Fredrick Davison, Brenda Slick, Paul Grane
Coffee Fellowship.....	The Papa Family
Opener.....	Gabe Gates
Closer.....	Paul Sauder

* *Please stand as able*

Welcome and Brief Announcements

The Prelude *Sing Alleluia* Byrd & Hindalong arr. C. Courtney
Brenda Slick, *piano*

*The Call to Worship

Leader: Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

All: This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Leader: Shout with joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness.

All: Let us come into God's presence with song.

*Hymn #681 *This Is the Day the Lord Hath Made*

*The Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Merciful God, we appeal to you to set us right again. We have not been at our best. But you can correct us; and you can redirect us. We pray for your forgiveness. We ask you to fill us with your goodness. We want what we cannot grasp for ourselves, but what we know you can give us. In Jesus Christ, give us renewal and peace. Amen

(A period of silence is observed for personal confession)

*The Assurance of Pardon and Peace

Leader: The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God!

*The Gloria Patri #582

Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

The Children's Time

A Prayer for Illumination (Unison)

God, source of all light, by your Word, you give light to the soul. Pour out on us the spirit of wisdom and understanding, that our hearts and minds may be opened to know your truth and your way. Amen.

The Scripture Reading: The Book of Ruth

(Please follow along in your pew Bible)

-Kathryn Greene, Anne Larew

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord!

All: Thanks be to God!

Solo *Vocalise*

Paul Grane, *soprano saxophone*

Serge Rachmaninoff

Brenda Slick, *piano*

The Message: **Postcards from the Edge: Ruth's Story**

-Pastor Robert Cook

Hymn #695 *Change My Heart, O God*

The Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

*The Doxology #606

*The Dedication of Our Offerings

*Hymn #80 *You Shall Go Out with Joy*

*The Blessing

The Postlude

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

spiritual, arr. M. McDonald

Brenda Slick, *piano*

GPC MUSIC MINISTRY

The GPC Chancel Choir and Bell Choir will begin rehearsals for the fall season on Wednesday, Sept. 6. ***We need more ringers and singers!*** The Bell Choir meets Wednesdays 6:00-7:00 pm and typically performs in worship every 4-6 weeks. No previous experience is required. The Chancel Choir meets on Wednesdays 7:00-8:15 pm and performs in worship on most Sundays. There are also many opportunities available for instrumentalist to participate.

If you have an interest in being a part of the music ministry please contact Fred Davison (jfdavison50@gmail.com) or leave a message at the church office at your earliest convenience. I hope you will consider joining us for music making and fellowship.

– Dr. J. Frederick Davison, Director of Music Ministries

LAUREL MISSION TRIP

For many years now we have partnered with the Prince Street Church of the Brethren in Shippensburg to do a week-long missionary trip at the Laurel Ministries Center in Laurel, Kentucky. We will again head there the week of **September 16 to 23**.

Our team brings along good used clothing and shoes to give away. We also need people to do construction, home repair, and to cook.

God just might be calling you to go this year. There is a sign-up sheet in the vestibule or you may contact Brian Rice blrbkr@comcast.net, who has been volunteering for many years, or GPC Mission Committee Chair, Candace Rutherford dreamscapefarm@comcast.net for more information. Donations may be dropped off at the church.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Marna Yingling, Becky Hess, June Marshall, Nancy McIntyre, Noah McCampbell, Herb Layton, Bernice Walck, Patti Sechrist, Alan Shope, Tim Walck, Neta Todd, Mary Lou Riddle, Steven Bishop, Mindy Grosh, Michael Paylor, Linda Pittman, Rachael, Christopher & Anna Lee Massieu, Mary Buhl, Kim Hay, Cullen Gaston, Laura Tantillo York, Barry Thomas, Bob & Sandy Seidel, The Gagne family, Bill & Kathy Kendall, Dan Amato, Aaron Frick, Ray Spitz, Sue Angle, Rachel Dayhoff, Rev. Bill Beck, Leslie Torres, Caroline Robinson, Dian Bishop, Dan Patton, Vasilija Milanovic, Celia Kuhlmann, Tracey Hammond & family, Bethany Yeager, Penny Mohler, Andi Hess Wingert, Dot Wilson, Cathy Thomas, Dan Dorty, those serving our U. S. Dept of State